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A-10'S TO BE DEPLOYED TO EUROPE

THE U.S. AIR FORCE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE FIRST OVERSEAS
WING OF THE NEW A-10 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AIRCRAFT WILL BE
STATIONED IN EUROPE. THE 81ST TACTICAL FIGHTER WING (TFW)
AT ROYAL AIR FORCE STATIONS BENTWATERS AND WOODBRIDGE WILL
RECEIVE ITS FIRST A-10'S IN EARLY 1979. THIS MOVE,
ALREADY APPROVED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, WILL STRENGTHEN
THE NATO CONVENTIONAL DEFENSE IN EUROPE.

THE 81ST IS CURRENTLY EQUIPPED WITH THE F-4D PHANTOM
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TACTICAL FIGHTER. THESE AIRCRAFT ARE PROGRAMMED TO LEAVE
THE UNITED KINGDOM, BUT DETAILS FOR THEIR DISPOSITION ARE
STILL BEING WORKED OUT.

THE A-10 IS A TWIN-ENGINE SUBSONIC AIRCRAFT USED IN A
CLOSE AIR SUPPORT ROLE. IT IS A SINGLE-SEAT AIRCRAFT

AND IS RELATIVELY SIMPLE TO MAINTAIN.

TRANSITION TRAINING FOR A-10 PILOTS WILL TAKE PLACE
AT DAVIS-MONTHAN AFB, ARIZONA, BEGINNING AUGUST 1978.

THERE WILL BE NO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF
U.S. AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AT ROYAL AIR FORCE STATIONS
BENTWATERS AND WOODBRIDGE AS A RESULT OF THIS DEPLOYMENT.

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